

eyes, a Republican President was elected.

Repeatedly, Senator SANTORUM used his own form of a filibuster to deny even a hearing or a vote in the Senate to these judicial nominees. Now he stands aghast, appalled, incredulous, that anyone would oppose a judicial nominee of President Bush.

We should stand by the traditions of the Senate. Let's not change the rules in the middle of the game. Let's not violate the time-honored principle of checks and balances which says the Senate as an institution will have the last word on lifetime appointments to the Federal bench.

Even though President Bush has been successful with over 95 percent of his nominees being approved by the Senate, mark my words, a few of them should not have been approved for lifetime appointments. Our view on our side of the aisle, both liberal and conservative, a handful went too far. Their positions on the role of Government in protecting our health and safety, the role of Government in protecting our environment, the rights of women, privacy under our Constitution, their views were so extreme and so radical they were not deserving, at least to the mind of many of my colleagues, to have a lifetime appointment to the Federal bench.

It is best when in doubt to stick with the Constitution. It is best when in doubt to stick with the traditions of the Senate. It is best when in doubt to stick with the filibuster, which requires compromise, requires bipartisanship, and moves us to a point where we can and must work together to achieve goals of this Nation and to serve the people who were kind enough to give us this great opportunity.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2005.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:59 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 27, 2005:

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BEN S. BERNANKE, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE NICHOLAS GREGORY MANKIW, RESIGNED.

#### UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

SHARA L. ARANOFF, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2012, VICE MARCIA E. MILLER, TERM EXPIRED.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DAVID HORTON WILKINS, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.

#### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

DENNIS P. WALSH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2009. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

#### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ALAN S. THOMPSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) NANCY J. LESCAVAGE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JEFFREY A. BROOKS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT B. MURRETT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. VICTOR C. SEE, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. CHRISTINE M. BRUZEK-KOHLER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARK W. BALMERT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. RAYMOND E. BERUBE, 0000  
CAPT. JOHN J. PRENDERGAST III, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. KEVIN M. MCCOY, 0000  
CAPT. WILLIAM D. RODRIGUEZ, 0000

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, April 27, 2005:

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHARLES F. CONNER, OF INDIANA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HOWARD J. KRONGARD, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LUIS LUNA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

MAJOR GENERAL DON T. RILEY, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO BE A MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM T. GRISOLI, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

#### THE JUDICIARY

J. MICHAEL SEABRIGHT, OF HAWAII, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII.

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CURTIS L. SUMROK AND ENDING WITH JED R. BOBA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 14, 2005.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL T. CUNNINGHAM AND ENDING WITH DAVID K. YOUNG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 14, 2005.

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL ANDREW KUNICKI AND ENDING WITH LINDSEY M. VANDENBERG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2005.